

## **I am writing to OPPOSE HB 6816; An Act concerning Micro-stamping Pistols, and Possession of Body Armor**

Briefly: The notion of Micro-stamping pistols has yet to be proven to be a significant aid in crime reduction. It is easy to defeat, with a common Dremel Tool, and tracing a “Hot” gun to it’s original owner is only mildly helpful. It is expensive, and unproven.

On the subject of Body Armor Prohibition: What sort of wrong-headed thinking would want to strip ordinary citizens of the option of additional self-protection? Body Armor isn’t an offensive weapon; it’s purpose is to add to additional safety for those who feel the need.

The bill allows only law enforcement to possess, and wear Body Armor. But what about Fire fighters, or EMTs who work in bad sections of town. How about security guards, private detectives, bail bondsmen (and women). These are high risk jobs. I don’t see how denying them access to Body Armor makes our society safer.

And then there are abused spouses, or significant others, whose well-being has been threatened. Aren’t they entitled to an additional layer of self protection?

There are ballistic shields that are made to be placed in schoolchildren’s knap sacks to try to keep them safe in the event of a school shooting. Are they, or their parents to be labeled criminals for wanting to keep their children safe?

**Please vote “NO” on this poorly conceived bill.**

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